



AMERICA'S SENIORS: A SMART TARGET FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Statistics show that American seniors are a prime demographic for an economic stimulus package. But more than 20 million seniors could be left out of the planned Federal tax rebate unless Congress acts – just because they don't have at least \$3000 in earned income, or enough taxable income to get the full proposed credit.

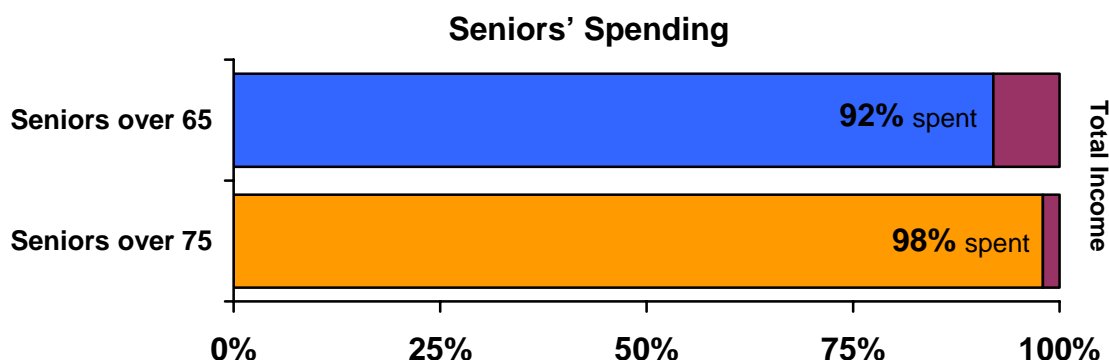
The Finance Committee plan would allow almost all seniors to receive a \$500 rebate by showing at least \$3000 of Social Security income on a 2007 tax return. America's seniors have worked hard all their lives. Many live on fixed incomes, and struggle to pay their medical and heating bills. Seniors deserve to be included in any rebate program. And a rebate to seniors works for America's economy – here's how:¹

Seniors are significant contributors to American economic activity.

Economists agree that consumer spending, fueled by tax rebates, can boost America's economy. Americans over 65 are responsible for 14 percent of all consumer spending.

Seniors spend – exactly what America's economy needs now.

Americans over age 65 spend 92 percent of their incomes within a given year – that's higher than any other demographic group over the age of 25. Households headed by a person over age 75 spent an even higher percentage of their income – 98 percent.



In 2006, Americans over 65 had a combined income of \$863 billion – and those seniors purchased more than \$800 billion worth of goods in the same year.

Other Social Security recipients can benefit, too.

In 2006, 18 million Americans received Social Security disability benefits or survivor benefits. Widows, widowers, and disabled Americans can qualify for an equal tax rebate too – under the Finance Committee plan.

¹ Data from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics